



Jonathan Birenbaum

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Jonathan's practice focuses on complex acquisitions and dispositions, debt and equity financings, and general corporate law matters, primarily in the energy and infrastructure sectors. His experience includes deals involving numerous renewable and gas-fired projects, battery storage projects, transmission facilities, and pipelines. He is recognized in, among others, *Chambers USA* and *Legal 500*.

He regularly represents both strategic and financial clients and has played a primary role in many complex transactions involving a wide variety of structures and assets. These transactions have included acquisitions and dispositions of companies, projects and portfolios, and project financings, including tax-oriented, preferred and other equity investments, and senior secured and subordinated loans. His experience extends to a wide variety of projects, including: renewable energy projects (particularly solar and wind); battery storage projects; thermal (primarily gas-fired) generating plants; transmission assets; natural gas liquefaction (LNG) facilities; and oil and gas pipelines and related facilities.

Key Matters

- Represented Capital Power Corporation in connection with its purchase of the 1,062 MW La Paloma natural gas-fired generation facility in California from CSG Investments, Inc., a subsidiary of Beal Financial Corporation.
- Represented Capital Power Corporation in connection its purchase, together with an affiliate of a fund managed by BlackRock's Diversified Infrastructure business, of the 1,092 MW Harquahala natural gas-fired generation facility in Maricopa County, Arizona from CSG Investments, Inc., a subsidiary of Beal Financial Corporation.
- Represented Basalt Infrastructure Partners LLP in connection with the sale of Project Hyperion, LLC, a portfolio of 121 megawatts of operating distributed solar projects located in Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, California, New Jersey, and Georgia.
- Represented JLC Infrastructure in connection with its investment in the 13.3 MW cogeneration facility that serves Hudson Yards in New York City as a microgrid and district energy system. As part of the transaction, JLC entered into a joint venture with Related Companies and Oxford Properties Group, developers of Hudson Yards. Financing for the transaction was provided through a private placement of notes to an institutional purchaser.
- Represented institutional investors in connection with their purchase of privately placed Washington Economic Development Finance Authority Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds (Burnham SEV Pasco LLC Project), Series 2023 (Federally Taxable) (Green Bonds) to provide project financing for the construction and development by Burnham SEV Project LLC of a wastewater treatment and renewable natural gas facility in Pasco, WA.
- Represented Capital Power Corporation, John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), and Manulife Infrastructure Fund II in connection with their acquisition of the 1,633 MW Midland Cogeneration Venture from OMERS Infrastructure Management and its co-investors.
- Represented Barings LLC in connection with the purchase by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company and other institutions of senior secured notes to provide financing for the acquisition of the 36-mile Caddeaux Gas Gathering System in Texas and Louisiana by Saber Midstream, LLC, a portfolio company of ArcLight Energy Partners Fund VII.
- Represented John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company and other institutions in connection with their purchase of senior secured notes to provide financing for the Northeast Energy Center, a 250,000 gallon/day LNG, storage and truck-loading facility in Charlton, Massachusetts.
- Represented John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) and Manulife Infrastructure Fund II in their participation in the development and ownership of 500 MW of ERCOT battery storage projects through the formation of a joint venture with Hunt Energy Network, a subsidiary of Hunt Energy.
- Represented Cubico Sustainable Investments in connection with its acquisition from Cypress Creek Renewables, and the tax equity and debt financings, of a 377 MW portfolio of solar projects in South Carolina (Palmetto and Huntley projects) and Texas (Wagyu project).
- Represented Barings (acting on behalf of institutional investors) in connection with a notes financing of the 98 MW Springbok 3 solar project.
- Represented John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) in connection with a US\$227M equity and debt financing of SolarCity portfolio.
- Represented Capital Power Corporation in connection with its acquisition of the 795 MW Decatur Energy Center from LS Power.
- Represented Capital Power Corporation in connection with its acquisition of the 580 MW Arlington Valley generating facility from funds managed by Oaktree Capital Management.
- Represented Gainesville Regional Utilities in connection with its US\$750M acquisition of 102.5 MW biomass generating project.

Recognitions

- Recognized by *Chambers USA* in the category of “Projects: Power & Renewables: Transactional” in 2024 and prior years where he has been described as being “extremely commercial with a tremendous grasp of deal dynamics.”
 - Named a “Hall of Fame Lawyer” for Energy: Renewable/Alternative Power in the 2023 and prior editions of *Legal 500 U.S.*, in which one client is quoted as saying, “Jonathan Birenbaum is amazing. His knowledge of the subject matter is at the top of the field and his positive demeanor throughout a deal really separates him from others.”
 - Recognized as a “Leading Lawyer” for Energy Transactions: Electric Power by *Legal 500 U.S.* in 2023
 - Named as one of *Lawdragon’s* “500 Leading Energy Lawyers” for Renewable Energy & Natural Resource Transactions in 2024 and prior years
 - Listed in the 2024 and prior years editions of *The Best Lawyers in America®* for Energy Law
 - “AV Peer Review Rated,” Martindale-Hubbell’s highest peer recognition for ethical standards and legal ability
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Activities

Jonathan is a Fellow of the American College of Investment Counsel. He previously served as the managing partner of the firm’s New York office.

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Credentials

EDUCATION

Jonathan received an A.B. in International Relations, with honors, and French in 1975 from Colgate University. He received a J.D., *cum laude*, in 1978 from Albany Law School of Union University, where he was articles editor of the *Albany Law Review*.

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Connecticut

LANGUAGES

- French

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